GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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UPGRADATION OF SMALL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade small airport in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the cost involved in their upgradation, airport-wise;

(d) whether some of the State Governments have agreed to enter into agreement with the Union Government for upgrading these airports;

(e) if so, the details of State Governments who have agreed to this proposal; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) &(c) Upgradation of airports is a continuous process depending upon the traffic potential,demands from airlines operators, commercial viability etc. Airports Authority of India (AAI), from time to time, takes initiative in this regard, keeping in view the above factors, either with its own resources or with the participation of the concerned State Governments through signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with them. However, AAI has undertaken initiatives for upgradation works at Mysore in Karnataka; Warangal and Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh; Passighat, Tezu, Along, Daparizo and Zero in Arunachal Pradesh; Kailshahar and Kamalpur in Tripura; Tura in Meghalaya; Akola, Baramati and Gondia in Maharashtra; Surat in Gujarat; Jharsuguda in Orissa; Malda and Behala in West Bengal.

(d), (e) & (f) MoUs have been signed with State Government of Karnataka for upgradation of Mysore airport; with State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the development of Warangal and Cuddaph airports; and with State Government of Gujarat for upgradation of Surat airport. AAI has started works at these airports, and they are at various stages of execution/ completion.